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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.113 and 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office action of January 18, 2006 reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, amended as follows, is respectfully requested. (This amendment is being filed on May 18, 2006 along with a petition for a one-month extension of time, and is therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.